

POETRY.

SONG OF THE MADMAN.

[FROM AN UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPT.]

The rain is pouring, thunder roaring,
Whirlwinds laughing with delight,
Lightnings flashing, earth is crashing,
O, 'tis a mad and merry night!

Round me clinging ghosts are singing,
"Merrily dance ye brothers all,"
Devils grinning over me spinning,
Flames of fire that hissing fall.

Goblins grim, around me swim,
In murdered mortal's blood,
Spirits dim, in lightness skim,
O'er the deep and boiling flood.

High in mid air, all floating there,
Is ocean fay and fairy sprite,
List to their song, "what a merry throng
Is gathered here this stormy night!"

Hissing snakes from poisoned lakes
Around me now are twining,
Bugs black and blue and lizards too,
All up my breast are climbing.

Mortals groaning, monsters moaning,
Sweetest music to my ear—
Witches screaming, their red eyes gleaming,
"Brother! brother we're all here!"

Now hand in hand, the spirit band,
With light footsteps around me dance,
Now they're laughing, now they're quaffing
The liquid flames that round them glance.

Oh! wide spread earth can yield no mirth
Sweet as mine in this mad hour,
Nor mighty king, nor mortal thing,
Can wield as I such magic power.

Spirits that sweep o'er the howling deep,
Goblin ghosts and fairy, all,
Spirits that dwell in earth or hell,
Are slaves unto my lightest call.

The madman's life! 'tis ever rife,
With merry scenes of oddest whim,
Morning and night—darkness and light
Alike are stored with joy for him!

MELNOTTE.

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EVENTS OF THE REVOLUTION.

Capture of General Prescott by Major Burton, on Rhode Island, in the year 1779.

At that period my place of residence was Norwalk, Fairfield county, Connecticut. In a few days after this unexpected event took place, a full and interesting account of which appeared in a Hartford paper, Norwalk was burnt by the British. We then moved north to Ridgefield, where I remained until the close of the Revolution.—From thence I removed to Saratoga county, New York. In 1808 I was informed that a sister of Maj. Barton's lived at a short distance from my dwelling, which I soon found to be true.—Her husband Mr. Benjamin Cole, a respectable, intelligent and pious old gentleman informed me that he expected Major Barton to visit him in a short time. Having a great desire to see and converse with a man of whom I had heard so much, I went to Mr. Cole's at the time he was there. I found him there, was introduced to the old veteran, and spent the evening very pleasantly with him. He was a noble looking man; his eyes were uncommonly piercing, and his countenance expressive of firmness. He was affable and courteous in his manners, but not in the least affected. In a word, one could not but feel while in his presence that he was no ordinary man.

In the course of the afternoon I remarked to the Major that I felt desirous to hear him relate the particulars of the capture of Gen. Prescott. He readily complied with my request, very near as follows:

"I learned where Gen. Prescott's quarters were, through the instrumentality of a secret friend of mine within the British Camp and with whom I frequently held secret correspondence with reference to the state of affairs in the British Army. I then formed my plan for his surprise and waited for the absence of the Colonel, so that the command of the Regiment would devolve upon me, in order to make trial of my efficiency. An opportunity soon presented itself; I called out the regiment and informed them that I had an expedition in contemplation, and desired to put it in execution that night, provided seventy resolute men would step out of the ranks and volunteer their services. Immediately that number stepped forward, some of whom were officers. I told them they would be exposed to imminent danger, and that if any felt timorous they should step back again into the ranks. None went, I warned them to be on the ground about dark, provided each with twenty four rounds and two extra flints, and dismissed the Regiment.

They were found at the place appointed at the time specified; all of them as yet entirely ignorant of my intentions. I led to the boats which according to previous directions were in readiness. Here I again spoke of the danger to which we would be exposed and gave permission to any who were faint hearted to step out of the ranks. Three were panic struck and stepped out. That's right my boys, said I, you have made yourselves known in season, we want none but good men and true! The remaining 97 went on board, and slowly and solemnly we shoved off from the shore. It was a beautiful night, the moon shone brilliantly, and

myriads of stars sparkled in the heavens. The oars were muffled to prevent noise, and scarcely any thing could be heard but the deep hurried breathing of the men. It would be impossible to describe my feelings while gazing on these noble fellows, thus willing to expose their lives to unknown danger for the purpose of attaining that liberty, the love of which showed itself in all their actions. But we moved swiftly over the water, and the eighteen miles that lay between us and the scene of action was soon passed. After landing I formed the men in three divisions, and then endeavored to animate them by telling them that the enterprise depended on their promptness and valor. Placing myself at the head of the centre division, I started forward ordering the men to follow which they promptly obeyed. In a few minutes we reached General Prescott's quarters, unperceived by the sentinel who stood before the door apparently in a drowsy state. I walked up to him and laying one hand upon his shoulder and presenting a pistol to his breast with the other, said, "You are my prisoner; Make no noise or you are a dead man." I then told him he must show me where Gen. P. lodged, he led me to a door which I found to be well secured. While endeavoring to open it, a negro who came with us stepped up confidently and said; "I can open that door." He stepped back some distance drew his head down like a sheep when going into combat, and came against it full force, and threw it open. The pilot then took us into the second room and showed the door that led into the General's room; this was opened in the same manner, and in a moment I stood before the bed where Prescott was sleeping. After slapping him twice on the shoulder he awoke and started up. Presenting a pistol to his breast I said, "You are my prisoner!" "Who are you?" asked the surprised general. "My name is Barton, sir, first Major to a certain Regiment of Rhode Island troops, and you must be out of bed immediately." He then got out of bed and attempted to put on his breeches. Stop Gen. said I you can't have time to do that, our situation is too dangerous. I then ordered the men to take him and his clothes on board one of the boats, which was speedily done, notwithstanding the old fellow grumbled much that he should be taken prisoner without having time to dress himself.

All remained still until a few moments after we left the shore when a tremendous uproar was heard in the direction of the British Camp. We plied the oars with all possible speed, supposing that we would be pursued. Nor were we mistaken; in a few moments great numbers of the British came running to the shore, and discharged a tremendous volley of musketry at the boats but without effect.—When we returned great numbers of persons thronged the shore, anxious to know for what purpose we had left the camp in such a singular manner. And great indeed was the rejoicing when they were told that General Prescott was our prisoner."

This circumstance, trifling as it may seem was productive of beneficial results. At that time a dark cloud seemed gathering over America. And many feared that she would be obliged to wear the galling yoke of British tyranny. And it need not be thought strange that this exploit served greatly to raise the depressed spirits of the Americans. It proved that their foes were invincible, the reverse of which they had been more than a little inclined to believe.

AN OLD REVOLUTIONER.

Homer. Licking co., O.

RULES

For the government and regulation of the Jail of Monroe County, as prescribed by the Hon. WILLIAM KENXON, President Judge of the 15th Judicial Circuit.

I. The cells and dungeons, beds, bed frames and fixtures, shall be thoroughly cleansed, and the walls white washed three times in the year, to wit: in April, July, and October.

II. The area shall be thoroughly white washed at least once in each year in the month of April or May; and, together with such cells and dungeons as may be occupied, shall be swept by the prisoners each day, and the floors washed once at least each week.

III. The undergarments of the prisoners shall be washed once a week, and their other garments as often as necessary to keep clean; and pauper prisoners shall be provided with such under and other clothing of the coarsest and cheapest kind as may be absolutely necessary for cleanliness and health, and to cover their persons.

IV. Towels, water, soap, &c., for washing face and hands, each morning shall be provided and used by the prisoners.

V. Straw or husk beds, bed frames, and sufficient bed clothes, shall be provided for each cell and dungeon. The sheets, &c., of beds, shall be washed once at least in two weeks. The straw of beds shall be renewed each year in the month of May, and also whenever it becomes damp or foul. Whenever vermin are discovered in bed frames or beds, the cell or dungeon and frames, bed &c., shall be thoroughly washed

and cleansed, and a solution of corrosive sublimate shall be applied to the frames, crevices, &c.

VI. Two night buckets, with close covers, shall be provided for each cell and dungeon. Night buckets shall be emptied once at least each day, cleansed and left to dry, &c., and clean ones returned to the cells and dungeons, filled one-third full of clean water.

VII. Not less than four quarts of fresh water, for drinking, shall be provided every morning, for each prisoner, and kept in coarse stone pitchers.

VIII. The cells, dungeons, and area shall at all proper times, be thoroughly ventilated, and kept comfortably warm during cold weather.

IX. Lights shall be provided for prisoners each evening, until eight o'clock, from the first day of September until the 1st day of May.

X. The Jailor shall remove rubbish from the yard and premises adjoining the jail, and keep them in a state of cleanliness. Should unpleasant smells arise from the privy or sink, or any other place, they shall be prevented by the use of quick lime, or by some other effectual means.

XI. If the jailor has any reason to suspect, (from the filthy condition of a prisoner when received, or from any other cause,) the presence of body lice, a thorough examination of the person and clothes of the prisoner shall be immediately made, and if it be found that the prisoner has body lice upon his person, or in his clothes, his clothes shall be burned, his body thoroughly washed and cleansed, his hair cut short, and proper ointment applied to kill body lice.

XII. The jailor shall take effectual means to destroy body lice, immediately after discovered, by cleansing the cells, dungeons, &c., and burning garments, bed clothes &c., in which there may be body lice. And every two days which may elapse after knowledge on the part of the jailor of the presence of body lice upon the person or in the clothes of a prisoner, or in the bed clothes, or elsewhere, in any cell or dungeon, without taking all proper means to eradicate the same, shall be deemed a breach of this rule.

XIII. If the Commissioners do not appoint a Physician for the jail, the jailor shall call in medical or surgical aid for prisoners when necessary.

XIV. No spirituous or vinous liquors shall be provided for prisoners, unless prescribed by an attending Physician.

XV. The use of playing cards, and all gaming is forbidden; but games of skill, used for recreation only, are permitted at seasonable times.

XVI. Each cell shall at all times be provided with a copy of the Bible; and all such books and pamphlets of a moral or religious tendency, as may be left at the jail for prisoners, shall be carefully preserved, and their use allowed and encouraged.

XVII. Females shall be kept separate from the males; the insane from the sane; and convicted felons from debtors.

XVIII. Counsel shall have access to their clients at all reasonable times. The family of a prisoner shall have access to him at convenient times, and other persons may have intercourse with the prisoner at the discretion of the Jailor; but the Jailor may be present at all interviews, except with counsel. The Jailor shall invite a clergyman to visit a prisoner who requests it.

XIX. No prisoner shall be manacled or fettered except for the purpose of transportation, unless he has attempted to escape, or assaulted the Jailor; or unless the Jailor has reason to apprehend that he will attempt to escape.

XX. The Jailor shall preserve order, and suppress all filthy and vicious conversation and disorderly conduct among the prisoners; and for this purpose, and to enforce the observance of rules, may,

1. Withhold light evenings;
2. Feed on bread and water;
3. Imprison in dungeon;
4. And if these modes of punishment fail to reform, or if the conduct of a prisoner be such as to require it, may, under the sanction and direction, and in the presence of a Justice of the Peace, the Clerk of the Court, or an Associate Judge, use the cat.

XXI. The Jailor may require such prisoners as he may deem it safe to trust for that purpose, to provide water, white-wash, clean and return buckets, &c. &c. as required by these rules. But if there be no prisoner whom the Jailor can trust to do these things, it shall not excuse the Jailor from doing them himself, or causing them to be done.

XXII. The Jail Register shall be kept in the form annexed; and the Jailor shall note at the end of the register and report for the year,

1. What sickness, if any, has prevailed in the Jail during the year, and if known, what were the causes of such disease.
2. Whether any and what labor has been performed by prisoners during the year, and the value thereof.
3. The practice observed during the year of white-washing and cleansing the occupied cells or apartments, and the times and seasons of so doing.
4. The habits of the prisoners as to

personal cleanliness, diet, and order.

5. The operation of the rules and regulations prescribed by the president Judge.

6. The means furnished prisoners of literary, moral and religious instruction, and of labor.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY virtue of a decretal order to me directed from the court of common pleas of Monroe county and State of Ohio, in the case of Jesse Payne vs. James Armstrong, et al. I will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the court house in the town of Woodfield, in said county, on Monday the 24th day of June next, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M. on said day, the following described lands and tenements situate in said county, to wit: The south-west quarter of the south-west quarter of section 7, township 6 and range 8.

ALSO: BY virtue of a decretal order to me directed from the court aforesaid in the case of Edward Archbold vs. Thomas Noland, I will offer for sale at the same time and place in manner aforesaid, the following described lands and tenements situate in said county, to wit: The north-east quarter of the south-west quarter of section No. 31, township 4 and range 4, containing 37 acres be the same more or less.

ALSO: BY virtue of a decretal order to me directed from the court aforesaid in the case of Crispian Ogilby, administrator of James Ogilby, deceased vs. John Snider and wife, I will offer for sale at the same time and place in manner aforesaid, the following described lands and tenements situate in said county, to wit: The west half of the north-east quarter of the south-west quarter of section 23, township 7, and range 7, in the district of land subject to sale at Marietta, Ohio, containing 19 1/2 acres of land, be the same more or less.

ALSO: BY virtue of a decretal order to me directed from said court in the case of Crispian Ogilby, administrator of James Ogilby, deceased, vs. F. D. Stephen and wife, I will offer for sale at the same time and place in manner aforesaid the following described lands and tenements situate in said county, to wit: The south-east quarter of the north-east quarter of section 10, township 7, and range 7, in the district of land subject to sale at Marietta, Ohio, containing 40 2/100 acres; also, the north-east quarter of the north-east quarter of section 10, township 7, and range 7, containing 40 2/100 acres lying and being in the Marietta district aforesaid.

ALSO: BY virtue of a decretal order to me directed from said court in the case of Noah Elliott vs. Peter Grover and wife, I will offer for sale at the same time and place in manner aforesaid the following described lands and tenements situate in said county, to wit: The north-east quarter of the north-east quarter of section 27, township 4 and range 4.

ALSO: BY virtue of a decretal order to me directed from said court in the case of David Kirkbride, jr. vs. George Henderson, et al. I will offer for sale at the same time and place in manner aforesaid, the following described lands and tenements situate in said county, to wit: Lots No. 13, 14 and 28 in the town of Graysville with the improvements thereon.

ALSO: BY virtue of a decretal order to me directed in the case of Nathan Hollister vs. Henry Dennis, I will offer for sale at the same place in manner aforesaid, the following described lands and tenements situate in said county, to wit: The north-east quarter of section 21, township 3 and range 4; also, the north-west quarter of the south-west quarter of section 15, township 3 and range 4, containing 80 acres, be the same more or less.

ALSO: BY virtue of a decretal order to me directed from said court in the case of Robert J. Alexander vs. John P. Ferrell and Joseph Hall, I will offer for sale at the same time and place in manner aforesaid, the following described lands and tenements situate in said county, to wit: Lots No. 3 and 4 in the town of New Castle, and bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning for the same at the north-west corner of lot No. 4, thence north 86 deg. east four perches; thence south 4 deg. east 14 perches to the south-east corner of lot No. 3; thence south 6 deg. west 4 perches; thence north 4 deg. west 14 perches to the place of beginning containing 56 perches, with the improvements thereon.

ALSO: BY virtue of sundry venditioni exponas and Fi Fa et Lev Fas to me directed in the case of John G. Afflick and others vs. Daniel Gray, I will offer for sale at the same time and place in manner aforesaid the following described lands and tenements situate in said county, to wit: 115 town lots in the town of Fairmount, and numbered as follows, to wit: 8, 4, 5, 6, 7, 113, 8, 114, 9, 115, 10, 116, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 32, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 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ALSO: BY virtue of sundry venditioni exponas to me directed from said court in the case of William Shaw vs. John S. McFarland, and a Lev Fa in case of Ashby Gardner vs. J. S. McFarland, I will offer for sale at the same time and place in manner aforesaid, the following described lands and tenements situate in said county, to wit: Ninety three acres of land lying in the south-west quarter of section 34, township 5, and range 5. Also, one half acre of land in the south-east quarter of section 4, township 6, and range 6. Also, 61 acres of land in the S.W. q. of sec. 34, T. 5 and R. 5.

ALSO: BY virtue of a venditioni exponas to me directed from said court in the case of Jenny, Hopson, et al. vs. Henry H. Mett and wife, I will offer for sale at the same time and place in manner aforesaid, the following described lands and tenements situate in said county, to wit: Lots No. 34, 45 and 103 in the town of Woodfield, as numbered on the plat of said town together with the improvements thereon.

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